

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution.  
The House passed H.R. 14, Keeping Children and Families Safe Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4397–S4458*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 708–723, S. Res. 98–100, and S. Con. Res. 30. **Pages S4433–34**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 253, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns. (S. Rept. No. 108–29) **Page S4433**

#### Measures Passed:

**Congressional Budget Resolution:** By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 108), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S4422**

#### Adopted:

Boxer Modified Amendment No. 383, to ensure that the number of children in after-school programs does not decrease. **Page S4408**

Inhofe Amendment No. 403, to increase Impact Aid. **Pages S4409–10**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 105), Landrieu Amendment No. 429, to provide additional pay and benefits for active duty, National Guard and Reserve forces, such as augmenting Imminent Danger pay and Family Separation allowances, and for modernization of equipment, weapons, and technology needs of the National Guard and Reserves in recognition of those currently involved in conflict operations and the needs of their family members left behind. **Page S4411**

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 107), Lincoln Amendment No. 431, to express the sense of the Senate regarding extending the \$1,000 child credit for three additional years (2011–2013). **Pages S4412–13**

Stabenow Amendment No. 407, to express the sense of the Senate that the final budget conference agreement should not take or propose any actions that reduce the level of funding provided for domestic nutrition assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Agriculture below current baseline spending levels for the programs. **Page S4413**

Nickles (for McConnell) Amendment No. 432, to provide for future consideration of a possible free trade agreement with the United Kingdom. **Pages S4414–15**

#### Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 103), Dayton Amendment No. 409, to provide full and mandatory funding for IDEA beginning in FY2004. **Page S4408**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 104), Kerry Amendment No. 281, to increase the budget allocation for programs to combat the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and to reduce the deficit. **Page S4409**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 106), Murkowski Amendment No. 430, to extend the child tax credit until the year 2013. **Page S4412**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the following rollcall vote change:

On Tuesday, March 25, 2003, by 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 94), Senate rejected Bunning Amendment No. 413, to repeal a 1993 tax increase on Social Security benefits, to S. Con. Res. 23 (listed above).

Subsequently, the adoption of S. Con. Res. 23 (listed above) was vitiated and the measure was then returned to the Calendar. **Page S4454**

**Congressional Budget Resolution:** Pursuant to the order of March 21, 2003, Senate agreed to H.

Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013, after striking all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. Con. Res. 23, Senate companion measure, as amended. **Page S4422**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Nickles, Domenici, Grassley, Gregg, Conrad, Hollings, and Sarbanes. **Page S4422**

**Relative to the Death of Former Senator Moynihan:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 99, relative to the death of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, former United States Senator for the State of New York. **Pages S4452–53**

**Financial Literacy for Youth Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 48, designating April 2003 as “Financial Literacy for Youth Month”. **Page S4453**

**Child Abuse Awareness:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 52, recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the problem, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Pages S4453–54**

**National Citizen Soldier Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 58, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning June 1, 2003, as “National Citizen Soldier Week”. **Page S4454**

**Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 1307, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 27, 2003; that there be three hours for debate; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), intended to be proposed by Senator Grassley, being the text of S. 351, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve tax equity for military personnel, be the only amendment in order to be proposed, and that, upon conclusion of debate, the amendment be agreed to, and the bill, as amended, be read the third time, and the Senate then vote on final passage of the bill. **Page S4453**

#### **Appointments:**

**United States Holocaust Memorial Council:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and

upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84 and Public Law 106–292, appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 108th Congress: Hatch, Collins, and Coleman. **Page S4454**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Marsha E. Barnes, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

John Francis Bardelli, of Connecticut, to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Adam Noel Torres, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of California for the term of four years.

Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Robert N. Davis, of Florida, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term prescribed by law.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps. **Pages S4455–58**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S4433**

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**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S4452**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—108) **Pages S4408–09, S4411–13, S4422**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Patrick Moynihan, of New York, in accordance with S. Res. 99, adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 27, 2003. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4455.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Vernon Bernard Parker, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Civil Rights.

### APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Air Force, after receiving testimony from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force; and General John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

### AERIAL FIRE FIGHTING SAFETY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held oversight hearings to examine issues uncovered as a result of the Blue Ribbon Panel's report of findings on Aerial Fire Fighting Safety and responses to the report, after receiving testimony from Tony Kern, Assistant Director of Aviation, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Larry Hamilton, National Director, Office of Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management, National Interagency Fire Center, Department of the Interior; James Hall, Hall and Associates, Washington, D.C., former Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, and James B.

Hull, Texas Forest Service, College Station, both on behalf of the Blue Ribbon Fact Finding Panel on Aviation; William R. Broadwell, Aerial Firefighting Industry Association, Springfield, Virginia; and Duane A. Powers, Hawkins and Powers Aviation, Inc., Greybull, Wyoming.

### FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for United States foreign assistance concerning security and economic assistance programs to the Near East, East Asia and the Pacific, and South Asia, focusing on the development of child survival programs, Economic Support Fund, Freedom Support Act, International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement Program, Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining, and Related Programs, Peace Corps, Refugees, Foreign Military Financing, International Military Education and Training Program, voluntary peacekeeping activities, and Title II food assistance grants, receiving testimony from William J. Burns, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Christina B. Rocca, Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, and James A. Kelly, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, all of the Department of State; and Wendy Chamberlin, Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East, United States Agency for International Development.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, April 2.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 1440–1455; 2 private bills, H.R. 1456–1457; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 43; H. Con. Res. 118–123, and H. Res. 163–164, were introduced.

Pages H2400–01

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Otter to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H2313

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Ed Sears, Pastor, Grace Baptist Temple of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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**Child Abduction Prevention Act Rule:** The House agreed to H. Res. 160, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 1104, to prevent child abduction by voice vote. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 86.

Pages H2319–25

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Supporting Efforts To Recognize the Problem of Child Abuse and Neglect:** H. Res. 113, amended, recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the problem.

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